

REMARKS

In accordance with the foregoing, claim 2 is cancelled and the specification and independent claims 1, 5, and 7 are amended and new claims 24-26 and 27-29 are added, respectively dependent from independent claims 1, 5, and 7. No new matter is presented.

Approval and entry of the amended and new claims are respectfully requested.

STATUS OF CLAIMS

In accordance with the Action, all of heretofore pending claims 1-24 are rejected.

Consistent with the foregoing, claims 1 and 3-29 are now pending.

Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested.

ITEM 3: CLAIMS 1-24 ARE REJECTED FOR OBVIOUSNESS UNDER 35 U.S.C. §103(a) OVER VILETTO (U.S. Patent 5,475,626) IN VIEW OF QURESHEY ET AL. (PUB NO. 2002/0002039)

The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Each of the independent claims 1, 5 and 7 is amended hereinabove by incorporating the limitations of claim 2 and, further, to clarify that a mode select button is configured to instruct the operation mode of the electronic equipment and is provided adjacent the auxiliary display section at a position that is distinguished positionally from the plurality of buttons position - - and, further, to recite that the lid is selectively moveable between an opened position in which the main and auxiliary display sections and the plurality of buttons are visible and a closed position in which the main display section is not visible but the auxiliary display section and the plurality of buttons and the mode select button remain visible.

Both Viletto in view of Qureshey et al. fail to teach the features of the present invention now clarified in each of the independent claims 1, 5 and 7. Particularly, in Viletto, the pre-setting keys 97 are visible only in the closed position of the lid (see FIG. 2) and not in the opened position of the lid (see FIG. 1).

Qureshey et al., on the other hand, has no moveable lid and is irrelevant to the feature of the invention discussed here and above which, clearly, distinguishes the present invention as claimed commonly over each of the two references relied upon.

New claims 27-29 further distinguish by reciting the requirement that the main and auxiliary display sections and the plurality of buttons along with the main display section are visible, in the opened position of the lid, from a common viewing position and, in the closed

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position of the lid, while the main display section is not visible, the auxiliary display section and the plurality of buttons and the mode select button remain visible from the common viewing position. Further, it is believed that the clarified features of the present invention recited in each of the independent claims 1, 5 and 7 are not obvious from the teachings of Viletto in view of Qureshey et al.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the pending claims distinguish patentably over the references of record and, there being no further outstanding objections or rejections, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. An early action to that effect is courteously solicited.

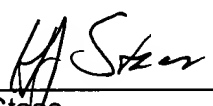
Finally, if there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

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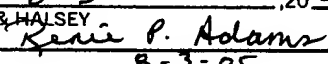
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